

2016 General Session

Bills related to Veterans and Military Affairs

Bills Passed and signed by Governor

<i>Bill and Bill Sponsor</i>	<i>Description</i>	<i>Highlighted Provisions</i>
H.B. 46 Veterans Affairs Amendments (Rep. V. Peterson)	Modifies the governing structure for certain veterans park and nursing home boards	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modifies who appoints members to the Veterans' Memorial Park Board and the Veterans' nursing home advisory boards; • directs to whom minutes of board meetings are provided with a time line; and • amends membership of Veterans' nursing home advisory boards.
H.B. 59 State Armory Board Amendments (Rep. V. Peterson)	Modifies the powers of the State Armory Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • authorizes electronic meetings; • specifies when official action may be taken; and • restricts the use of proceeds from the sale of armories and army premises.
H.B. 98 National Guard Death Benefit Amendments (Rep. Ray)	Provides for a death gratuity for the next of kin of a National Guard member who dies while on state active duty	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • provides for a \$100,000 death gratuity for the next-of-kin of a National Guard member who dies while on state active duty. • This bill appropriates: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▸ to the National Guard Death Benefit Account, as an ongoing appropriation from the General Fund, \$9,500.
H.B. 135 State Parks Fee Exemption Amendments (Rep. Hemingway)	Provides free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires the Board of Parks and Recreation to make rules granting free admission to state parks for certain disabled veterans; and • makes technical changes.
H.B. 156 Personalized License Plates Amendment (Rep. Snow)	Amends the options for personalizing license plates	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends the options for personalizing license plates related to military service.
H.B. 233 Tax Credit for Military Survivor Benefits (Rep. Ray)	Creates an individual income tax credit for certain military survivor benefits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • defines terms; and • creates a nonrefundable individual income tax credit for certain military survivor benefits.
H.B. 254 Resident Student Tuition Amendments (Rep. Poulson)	Amends provisions regarding resident student tuition for military servicemembers and their immediate family members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends definitions; and • requires an institution of higher education to grant resident student status for tuition purposes to military servicemembers, and their immediate family members, who maintain domicile in Utah.

<p>H.B. 386 Nursing Care Facility Amendments (Rep. Gibson)</p>	<p>Amends the Health Care Facility Licensing and Inspection Act and other provisions of the Utah Health Code</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends definitions; • amends Medicaid certification provisions for nursing care facilities; • amends provisions governing the transfer of a license for a Medicaid bed from a nursing care facility program to another entity; • permits a related-party nonnursing-care-facility entity to hold a license for a Medicaid bed for a future nursing care facility program not yet identified; • amends licensing requirements for a new nursing care facility; • imposes a fine on certain health care facilities with Medicare inpatient revenue that exceeds a specified amount; • requires the Department of Health to make rules specifying information a health care facility must submit to the department so that the department can determine whether the facility is subject to the fine; • requires that fines be deposited into the Nursing Care Facilities Account; • authorizes the use of money in the Nursing Care Facilities Account for Medicaid quality incentive payments made to nursing care facilities; and • makes technical changes.
<p>H.B. 452 Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission Amendments (Rep. Ray)</p>	<p>Modifies the membership of the Veterans' and Military Affairs Commission</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • removes the representative from the Administrative Office of the Courts; and • adds a member of the general public to the list from which the commission may select pro tempore members.
<p>S.B. 18 Workforce Services Job Listings Amendments (Sen. Knudson)</p>	<p>Requires local education agencies to advertise job openings on the state website</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • requires local education agencies to provide a list of job openings to the Utah Department of Workforce Services; and • amends the definition of a governmental entity to include local education agencies as defined in Section 53A-30-102.
<p>S.B. 35 Veteran License Plate Amendments (Sen. Knudson)</p>	<p>Provides for a special group license plate for a veteran of a campaign or combat theater</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • allows for a combat veteran who is not disabled to display a license plate indicating the campaign or theater the veteran served in.
<p>S.B. 53 Veteran's Definition Amendments (Sen. Knudson)</p>	<p>Conforms existing statutes to the new definition of a veteran</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends documentation requirements for verification for honorable or general discharges as related to public and private sector employment; • defines discharge documents;

		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • modifies the definition of a veteran for veterans' preference; and • specifies the definition of a veteran for specific areas and positions.
<p>S.B. 96 Uniform Deployed Parents Custody and Parent-time Act (Sen. Hillyard)</p>	<p>Creates a uniform law governing a deploying parent, child custody, and parent-time requirements</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • creates a notification requirement for a deploying parent; • specifies a custodial responsibility plan; • determines form and modification of agreements for temporary custody; • establishes jurisdiction by certain courts; and • designates certain content for custody and child support orders.

Bills that Failed Passage

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H.B. 99 Military Retirement Income Tax Exemption (Rep. Perry)	Exempts retirement pay for service in the armed forces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • exempts all retirement payments related to service within the armed forces.
H.B. 410 Military Tuition Waiver Amendments (Rep. Oda)	Amends provisions related to tuition waivers for military members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • amends provisions related to tuition waivers for members of the Utah National Guard; and • makes technical and conforming changes.
H.C.R. 14 Concurrent Resolution Recognizing the United States and Utah's Participation in World War I (Rep. Handy)	Recognizes the United States' and Utah's participation in World War I and urges the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs to establish the Utah World War I Centennial Commission	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • recognizes the centennial commemoration of World War I, which spanned from July 28, 1914, to November 11, 1918; • urges the Governor, through the Utah Department of Veterans and Military Affairs and in coordination with the Utah Department of Heritage and Arts, to establish a Utah World War I Centennial Commission, modeled after the United States World War I Centennial Commission; and • urges the future commission to develop a statewide awareness campaign to recognize the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ the history of the war, including the causes, the reason for entry into the war by the United States, and the role of the United States military in the war; ○ the impact of the war on geopolitics through today; ○ the impact of the war on America's and Utah's society and culture -- including science, the arts, and the humanities -- to encompass immigrants, minority populations, and women; ○ the technological changes the war brought to transportation, industry, communication, and agriculture; ○ the search for peace up to, during, and after the war; ○ the World War I monuments and memorials scattered throughout the state; and ○ those who served and those who gave the ultimate sacrifice.